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NEWS AND COMMENTS.

The two Toms, the two sulky Toms: TOM REED, of Maine, and TOM WATSON, of Georgia—both, to use what Mr. "Bob Sawyer" would call the style of rich Eastern allegory, "in the soup."

WE do not see how a plainer case could be made up than the right of Mr. CALL, of Florida, to his seat in the Senate. EDMUNDS, of Vermont, is a shrewd lawyer and an astute politician, but it would seem as if he will be "leading a forlorn hope" in his effort to seat DAVIDSON. However, there is no telling what a Radical Senate will do.

THE House of Representatives of the 52nd Congress placed the Speakership in the hands of a Southern man for the first time in thirty-four years—for CARLISLE, of Kentucky, can scarcely be credited to our section. Hon JAS. L. ORR, of South Carolina, presided over the Congress of 1857-'59, during the administration of JAMES BUCHANAN. He was a man of imposing presence, polished, cultured and dignified.

HON. J. H. BLOUNT, of Georgia, has intimated to his friends that after his services in the present Congress he will not be a candidate for reelection. At his retirement he will have represented his people at Washington for twenty continuous years, and few public men of the South have a more enviable record. He is a man of firstrate ability, with the courage, too, of his convictions, and never allowed himself to be browbeaten by REED, or his section to be oppressed and vilified by the dominant party in the House of Representatives.

ONE by one our cherished traditions fade away like the mist from the valley as it rises to kiss the morning sun (if we mistake not). Even our fathers realized that, so far from a gold-mine being a store-house of wealth, the first step toward starving to death was to buy one; and now the painful conviction is being borne in upon our minds that to have "riches take to themselves wings, and fly away" with the speed of a carrier pigeon, it is best to put them in a national bank. It is a capital place to protest notes in, but as a depository of people's money—alas!

CONGRESSMAN OATES, of Alabama, has a wife who was given to him in her cradle. Wounded in one of the battles around Richmond, he was nursed back to convalescence in a hospitable Southern home, and while there his impressionable heart went into captivity to the charms of the eldest daughter of the household. But the wilful maid would have none of his passion; and, to console him, the sympathetic but laughing mother pointed to her youngest daughter, a babe in the crib, saying: "Never mind, Captain: wait awhile, and little Nellie shall have you." In due time she did have him—and she's got him now.

WE cannot help feeling sympathy with Gov. HOLT'S sympathy when moving appeals are made to him for the commutation of the death penalty, and we can appreciate the almost irresistible pressure brought to bear on a man in his position; but, all the same, we think the time ill-chosen for obstructing the execution of the law in cases of burglary—a crime which seems to be running riot in North Carolina just at this time, gangs of house-breakers seeming recently to have fairly infested Fayetteville, Charlotte and Winston. Burglary became necessarily a capital felony in this State on account of the disturbed social condition growing out of the recent war and reconstruction, and that disturbed condition has not yet been sufficiently modified to admit of doing away with the punishment of death for the offense.

AT Rutherford, N. J., a man departed this life the other day whose name means very little to the present generation, but it may marshal a troop of pleasant recollections in the minds of the older theatre *habitues* of New York, Philadelphia and nearly all the large cities of the South. EDMON S. CONNOR, nearly 85 years of age at the time of his death, was a contemporary of EDWIN FOREST, with whom his admirers did not hesitate to compare him, albeit he found his triumphs rather on the sunny, laughter-compelling side of the drama. CONNOR took to the stage as a duck does to water, appearing before the footlights in early youth, and "starring" in London when 67 years old. He was great as "Sam Weller" and "Jingle" in the "Pickwick Club," and as "William" in "Black-eyed Susan;" but the character—for which his handsome and graceful person well fitted him—in which he attained most reputation was that of "Claude Melnotte," in BULWER'S rather baldly erotic play of "Lady of Lyons"—which never fails to arouse tumultuous enthusiasm in the breast of the callow theatre-goer.

IF Mr. SPRINGER, of Illinois, is the man best fitted for the chairmanship of the Committee of Ways and Means, by all means he ought to be placed there—but not because he is a Northern or Western man. If Mr. MILLS, of Texas, or any other Southern man, is better qualified than Mr. SPRINGER, the selection should be made accordingly—the matter should be decided solely on its merits. A good many Southern members of Congress seem to approach the national capitol with a pull-off-your-hat, step-softly and close-the-door-gently manner on them that leads one to believe that they were asleep when WISE, of Virginia, reminded BOUTELLE, of Maine, that Southern Democrats were "in the house of their friends, and intended to stay." There is a disposition to fall down and worship the magnanimity of the Northern branch of the party in conceding the Speakership to the South. "Thrift, thrift, Horatio." It was the magnanimity guided by the "eye to the main chance" which so invariably marks the pleasing features of our brethren on the other side of Mason & Dixon's Line, and makes us find them with their fingers deep down in the "flesh-pots" while others are battling for the unfleshly laurels. They were after the substantial offices, and they have about as much use for empty glory as had the landlord of the "Red Lion," when he told "Joe Willet' in "Barnaby Rudge" that when "glory" came in to the tap, called for a pot of beer, and demanded change for a sovereign, he'd believe in it—not before.

SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE.

Latest News from all Parts of the World, Prepared Especially for the Readers of "The Observer."

The Governor states that he has received a hundred letters asking clemency for Dawles, the Charlotte burglar. He adds that there is a growing disposition in North Carolina not to execute for burglary where murder is not committed or attempted. ——After January 1st Mt. Airy will be rated as a third-class or salaried postoffice, the postmaster receiving $1,100 per annum instead of a per cent. ——Tobacco is still rolling in at Danville, and the breaks last week were heavy. ——As to the probable date of the Supreme Court decision of the merchants' purchase-tax cases, it is stated that it will probably not be written until the holidays. ——There is great satisfaction among North Carolina tobacco-growers at the indictment of President Jas. B. Duke, of the American Tobacco Company, a hated "trust." ——The actor Florence's fortune, estimated at $200,000, will go to his widow. ——Mrs. Grant protests against the removal of General Grant's remains to Washington. ——The New York Camp of Confederate Veterans will give a benefit in aid of the Grant monument fund. ——The English bondholders are said, in New York, to be more favorable to the Virginia debt settlement. ——The English Board of Agriculture has proclaimed London to be infected with pleuro-pneumonia, and has ordered that all cattle must be slaughtered within a week after they are imported. ——There is a proposition before the Richmond City Council to purchase a residence in that city for Mrs. Jefferson Davis, not to cost over $25,000. ——The Rev. W. M. Gibson, D. D., a prominent Presbyterian clergyman, died at Asheville, aged about 70 years. He occupied pulpits in Philadelphia, Pittsburg and New York. ——The vote on the issue of bonds for the southern extension of the Roanoke & Southern Railroad was carried at Lexington, Monroe and all other voting-places along the line except two. ——Much interest will be manifested in the convention called on the 29th by the Scotland Neck Alliance to discuss substitutes for cotton. It has been suggested by some that rice would make a good substitute for a part of the cotton crop. ——The grip is again prevalent in North Carolina, and is of a type worse than that of last year. ——There are twenty-five prisoners in the Forsyth jail. Five of this number are women who are serving out sentences made by the recent term of court. Fifteen are convicts who work on the streets and public roads, and the remaining five are in for various offenses. ——There is a movement on foot in Winston-Salem looking to the organization of a stock company for the purpose of erecting a commodious hotel building in the business part of Winston, to cost not less than $100,000. ——Mr. Isaac Nissen, a venerable citizen of Forsyth county, died at the age of 70 years. ——The three banks of Winston make a creditable showing for the past quarter. ——Mrs. Pleas Head, of Stokes county, who was mortally wounded a few days ago by a knife in the hands of her husband, his since died. Head is still at large. ——There is talk of organizing a young men's Democratic club at Winston preparatory to the Presidential campaign. ——A lady was attacked on the streets of Lynchburg by a negro thief, who tried to rob her of her pocket-book. He knocked her down, but failed to get any booty. He was hotly pursued by citizens, but made his escape. ——There are now one hundred and twenty convicts on the Caledonia farm on the Roanoke recently leased by the penitentiary authorities. They are going to work in great earnestness, and will replace the dykes along the river, and save the lands from overflow. ——Parties from Granville are prospecting for lands in Halifax county on which to cultivate tobacco. They say they find good tobacco lands there, and like the community. ——The scheme of the negro exodus managers is revealed. They propose to run three excursion trains from Goldsboro to Wayeross, Savannah and Atlanta, Ga. For those who go to work under contract with farmers there will be no charge for the trip. The trains are to leave immediately after the holidays, the object being to evade the North Carolina law against the removal of laborers. ——Gov. Holt has received from the Superintendent of the Penitentiary the report of its earnings and expenses for the fiscal year ending November 30th. The earnings were $213,188; the expenses, $196,331, making the profits $16,857. ——There is a great sensation in Chatham and Wake counties by reason of the elopement of Dr. John S. Stone and Vallie Weathers, of Chatham. Dr. Stone deserts his wife and thirteen children, leaving them nearly destitute. Miss Weathers is a handsome woman of twenty-four, a daughter of the late M. R. Weathers. Over two years ago Weathers fell dead in his yard. He was wealthy, and it was the day set for his second marriage. He was hitching his horse to his buggy to go after his bride when death overtook him. It was at the time asserted that Dr. Stone, the family physician, had poisoned Weathers, and that Stone and Vallie Weathers were rather intimate. An inquest was held, but there was no positive proof against Stone, who published a card denying his guilt. But things have since happened which lead the people to believe he was guilty. His conduct and that of the Weathers woman became notorious, and last year he was sent to jail for twelve months, the judge declaring the case the most outrageous he had ever known. It was stated to Governor Fowle that Stone was dying of consumption, and for this reason he was pardoned after three months' stay in jail. He renewed his intimacy with the girl, but, fearing the people, left a few days ago. He came back secretly after the girl, and carried her away. Both families are respectable. ——James L. Wray's two-story dwelling was burned at Shelby. The fire was caused by a defective flue. The contents of the house were saved. Owing to the scarcity of water it was impossible to save the building—loss $1,200. ——A fishing-boat foundered in the River Tay, and her crew of five men were drowned. ——Ex-Governor Safford, of Florida, died at Tarpon Springs in that State on the 15th inst. ——In an accident on the Central Railroad at Fiskill, N. Y., the engineer and fireman of a train were killed. ——A wagon containing five negroes broke through a bridge in Mississippi, and two women were killed, two men seriously hurt, and a boy had his arm broken. ——In a collision between trains on the Ohio & Chesapeake Railroad in Virginia three men were killed and five others badly wounded. ——The Senate has confirmed the nomination of John C. Dancey as collector of customs at Wilmington, N. C.—— One man was killed and thirteen injured in a railroad accident on the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago R. R.

ANNUAL EXHIBIT

of the Claims Audited by the Board of Commissioners of Cumberland County for the Year Ending December 1st, 1891.

POOR.		
Betsy Bailey,	supplies	$12 00
Martha Hussey,	"	12 00
John Ochiltree,	"	12 00
Thos Jordan,	"	18 00
Wiley Elliot,	"	12 00
Clark Jackson,	"	15 00
Jerutha Howard,	"	12 00
Grace McLean,	"	12 00
Amanda Smith,	"	18 00
W H Jones,	"	1 50
Henry Smith,	"	24 00
Sallie Atkinson,	"	12 00
Fannie Kelly,	"	12 00
Nancy Beale,	"	18 00
Mrs B Johnson,	"	18 00
Helen Merritt,	"	18 00
Mary Pope,	"	15 00
J H Hays,	"	20 00
D Johnson and wife,	"	30 50
Mary McLeod,	"	10 50
H Heathcock,	"	18 00
Christian Wilson,	"	18 00
Betsy Jackson,	"	18 00
Eliza Jackson,	"	18 00
Allen Davis and wife,	"	48 00
Andrews children,	"	24 00
Kithy Hall,	"	30 00
Wm Bridgers and wife,	"	24 00
Mrs S Hudson,	"	24 00
Duncan Phillipsand wife,	"	27 00
Alex Blanton and wife,	"	34 50
Gray Faircloth and wife,	"	48 00
Edmund Williams,	"	3 00
Lizzie Wood,	"	12 00
Alex Starling,	"	14 00
Peggie Miller,	"	10 00
Julia Peterson,	"	18 00
Henry Carter,	"	3 00
J E Easom,	"	12 00
Jesse Burnett and wife,	"	24 00
Henry Piggins,	"	24 00
Mrs J Turlington,	"	24 00
Mary Robeson,	"	12 00
Burrel Bailey,	"	24 00
Aquilla Murphy,	"	18 00
Silva Drake,	"	18 00
Mrs J R Peoples,	"	20 00
Martha Roberts,	"	18 00
Celia Graham,	"	12 00
Jane Beale,	"	10 00
Eliza Bryan,	"	9 00
Betsy Overton,	"	18 00
R Simmons,	"	18 00
Felix Reynolds,	"	18 00
D A Wallace,	"	12 00
Chas McNeill and wife,	"	36 00
Easter Jones,	"	12 00
Ben Bethune,	"	6 00
Averilla Gardner,	"	12 00
Beady Bolton,	"	18 00
Albany Ray,	"	12 00
Hardy Nott and wife,	"	18 00
Nancy Taylor,	"	24 00
Jane Avery and son,	"	24 00
W W Clark,	"	13 50
Evans Chance,	"	18 00
Easter Gilbert,	"	12 00
James Bailey,	"	12 00
Martha Butler,	"	12 00
Jane Smith,	"	8 00
Saddy Calvin,	"	15 00
Mrs Shaefer,	"	15 00
Matilda Carter,	"	6 00
Mary Williams,	"	10 00
Harriet Williams,	"	10 00
James Byrd,	"	10 00
Ann Andrews,	"	7 00
Walter Pope,	"	9 00
Elizabeth Powers,	"	9 00
Geo McRae,	"	9 00
James Murphy,	"	13 50
Dan'l McDuffie,	"	3 00
Martha Hardwick,	"	7 00
Mrs Kelly,	"	1 50
B Wooten,	"	10 50
James Bell,	"	7 00
Hattie Sewell,	"	6 00
Noah Boone,	"	1 50
Alex Simpson,	"	3 00
Frank Bedsole,	"	8 00
Mary M Hall,	"	4 50
Mrs J O'Hara,	"	6 00
Charley Jones,	"	4 50
Nancy Hart,	"	9 00
D B Strickland,	"	3 00
Daniel Surles,	"	3 00
Rebecca Royals,	"	3 00
F W Thornton,	"	30 60
H Strickland,	grave and coffin	4 00
Dr J A Hodges,	salary	$35 00
S F Faircloth,	grave	2 00
C Calais & Co,	supplies	4 50
J D Sessoms,	"	6 55
Dr J H Marsh,	salary	30 00
A Garrason,	supplies	1 00
J R McNeill & Son,	"	15 00
Dr J H Marsh,	salary	30 00
J D Sessoms,	supplies	2 61
Dr J H Marsh,	salary	30 00
J R McNeill & Son,	supplies	3 00
J P Cook,	"	3 00
J B Bryan,	"	2 60
W L Williams	"	1 50
J R McNeill & Son,	"	8 00
Dr J H Marsh,	salary, etc	35 75
S F Faircloth,	grave	2 00
Arch'd McLeod,	services	2 00
Dr J H Marsh,	salary, etc	36 50
J P Cook,	supplies	3 00
J R McNeill & Son,	grave	1 50
Dr J H Marsh,	salary	35 00
J R McNeill & Son,	supplies	11 00
M Folb,	"	3 40
S F Faircloth	grave	2 00
Dr J H Marsh,	salary	35 00
S F Faircloth,	3 graves	6 00
J B Smith,	supplies	7 30
Dr J H Marsh,	salary	35 00
Hugh McCall,	supplies	4 50
J R McNeill & Son,	"	3 00
Dr J H Marsh,	salary	35 00
W H Bishop,	supplies	3 00
J R McNeill & Son,	"	11 00
Dr J H Marsh,	salary, etc	36 50
S F Faircloth,	grave	2 00
J R McNeill & Son,	supplies	2 50
Dr J H Marsh,	salary	35 00
POOR-HOUSE.		
Alex Leslie,	salary, etc	$29 00
A Moore,	supplies	5 80
W G Clark,	"	17 79
B R Huske,	"	1 00
A B Williams,	"	9 50
J B Starr,	"	10 27
W T West,	grave	1 50
Alex Leslie,	salary	25 00
W T West,	grave, etc	3 00
Dan'l C Carter,	conveyance	4 00
A Moore,	supplies	10 75
J & O Evans,	"	19 62
Alex Leslie,	salary	25 00
W G Clark,	supplies	16 94
Alex Leslie,	salary, etc	29 85
A McIver & Sons	supplies	17 16
F W Thornton,	"	3 66
Alex Leslie,	salary	25 00
W G Clark,	supplies	14 74
Alex Leslie,	salary, etc	30 40
J P Cook,	supplies	9 78
J & O Evans,	"	11 70
A Moore,	"	7 38
W H Tomlinson,	"	1 40
Alex Leslie,	salary	25 00
S Sheetz & Sons,	supplies	5 00
J & O Evans,	"	21 95
Alex Leslie,	salary	25 00
J & O Evans,	supplies	24 75
Alex Leslie,	salary	25 00
Alex Leslie,	"	25 00
W G Clark,	supplies	27 48
A Moore,	"	7 60
A McIver & Sons,	"	19 48
Alex Leslie,	salary	$25 00
W G Clark,	supplies	33 49
Tomlinson & Byrd,	"	1 89
Alex Leslie,	salary	25 00
Walter Watson,	supplies	25 71
JAIL.		
J B Smith,	prisoners	$84 30
J B Smith,	"	98 40
J B Smith,	repairs	10 85
C E Pearce,	supplies	34 98
J B Smith,	repairs and supplies	16 10
J B Smith,	prisoners	102 90
F W Thornton,	supplies	10 80
J B Smith,	prisoners	17 40
B R Huske,	insurance	4 00
Geo Brandt,	supplies	39 10
J B Smith,	"	7 60
J B Smith,	prisoners	8 40
J B Smith,	"	51 60
H R Horne,	supplies	1 15
J B Smith,	prisoners	58 00
J B Smith,	"	55 50
J B Smith,	repairs	20 25
J R Carter,	supplies	15 81
McMillan Bros.,	"	11 90
J B Smith,	repairs	5 10
J B Smith,	prisoners,	82 80
J B Smith,	"	61 80
J B Smith,	repairs	1 25
J B Smith,	prisoners	73 50
J B Smith,	"	115 80
J & O Evans,	repairs	12 90
COURT-HOUSE.		
E B Young,	supplies	$52 36
A J Pemberton & Co.,	"	10 41
Fayetteville Telephone Co.,		40 00
J R McNeill & Son,	repairs	1 50
COURTS.		
C G Cain,	dockets	$19 50
J B Smith,	extra services	1 50
C G Cain,	dockets	16 00
Wesley Cotton,	services	7 50
C G Cain,	dockets	22 00
C W Broadfoot,	attorney	122 73
H McD Robinson,	"	122 73
T H Sutton,	"	25 00
Wesley Cotton,	services	4 50
J E Garrett,	dockets	16 20
G A Burns,	livery	7 50
C G Cain,	fees	6 10
Wm Alderman,	"	6 10
J B Smith,	"	4 50
C G Cain,	dockets	21 75
J W Smith,	jury	6 00
Nat Owen,	"	4 50
J B Smith,	supplies and services	17 25
J B Smith,	summoning jury	52 80
BRIDGES.		
H A McCoy,	repairs	$ 25 50
J F Clark,	do	50 00
Mike Powers,	do	2 00
Richard Ivey,	do	1 25
G B Hollingsworth,	do	48
D Shaw, Jr,	supplies	52 70
A J Deal,	repairs	33 43
K J Rhodes,	do	12 00
C Jackson,	do	15 95
G C Ray,	do	2 00
Benoy & Elkins,	do	55 00
J F Clark,	do	120 83
D G McLellan,	do	26 30
J C Culbreth,	do	29 00
Geo W Wade,	do	18 04
T J Haywood,	do	1 50
J E Davis,	do	37 50
Walter Watson,	supplies	22 08
W S Cook,	repairs	7 87
William Alderman,	do	70 00
D F McDonald,	do	20 54
Abel Payne,	do	4 40
A J Deal,	do	5 40
A J Deal,	do	9 00
M A Gillis,	do	7 00
I H Smith,	do	95 00
William Maxwell,	do	5 20
PUBLIC ROADS.		
R J Baker,	serving orders	$ 2 40
J W Sellers,	repairs	2 65
McClure & Grenamyer,	do	4 88
E M Waddill,	serving orders	6 00
N McL Smith,	do do	6 00
D J Smith,	do do	3 00
R H Gillis,	do do	3 60
R S Talbot,	do do	9 00
R J Baker,	do do	3 60
Alex Long,	do do	3 60
W J Johnson,	repairs	10 10
P A Carver,	do	4 00
COMMISSIONERS.		
A B Williams,	services	$ 14 00
K J Rhodes,	do	42 90
W J Buie,	do	51 00
M A Gillis,	do	70 40
N R Blue,	do	47 60
T H Sutton,	attorney	150 00
T H Sutton,	extra services	25 00
H L Hall,	clerk	133 95
D B Gillis,	services	12 40
D B Gillis,	do	15 00
H L Hall,	clerk	116 50
Jas D Geddie,	com'r	20 00
D B Gillis,	services	15 00
G W Graham,	do	30 00
H L Hall,	recording bonds	18 00
TAXES.		
H L Hall	purchases	$19 00
H L Hall	"	31 00
Wm Alderman	services	25 00
P Holley	assessor	$31 75
W Doug Smith	do	11 00
D J L McIntyre	do	11 00
Morris Hall	do	30 10
J M Jessup	do	12 00
D M Beard	do	6 00
J A McPherson	do	50 00
D G Blue	do	21 15
J E Elliott	do	16 00
Jonathan Evans	do	54 00
N L Ray	do	15 40
W M Maxwell	do	15 40
John Smith	do	40 00
A A Harrington, Jr	do	10 00
S H Cotton	do	10 00
J H Smith	do	26 60
Alexander Smith	do	16 30
D McCraney	do	16 40
W A Tillinghast	do	50 00
A D McNeill	do	20 00
S R Surles	do	20 00
Alex Pate	do	33 00
J B Butler	do	16 80
W H Marsh	do	16 20
T J Parker	do	52 00
W J McPhail	do	20 00
W J Sessoms	do	24 00
E M Waddill	do	80 00
D H Ray	do	52 00
Chas Haigh	do	60 00
J D Brown	do	54 00
J A Gillis	do	24 00
A J Bethune	do	18 70
D K McDuffie	do	18 40
H L Hall	purchases	13 80
H L Hall	making up tax-books	350 00
Wm Alderman	services	30 00
H L Hall	office copy	20 00
INSANE.		
J F Miller	for Mary White	$ 2 60
Dan'l Carter	for Julia Horne	2 05
J B Smith	for Julia Horne	15 85
D J Ray	Asylum expenses	13 15
Angus Bain	do do	8 15
Cicero Bullard	arrest, etc	5 00
J B Smith	Asylum expenses	13 60
Isaac Strickland	do do	9 00
Daniel Carter	conveyance	2 50
J B Smith	for Adam McLaurin	10 30
G F Bullard	conveyance	4 00
J B Smith	for J C Dawson	12 95
PRINTING.		
Z W Whitehead	annual exhibit	$50 00
J E Garrett	dockets and books	19 00
Z W Whitehead	advertising	1 50
J E Garrett	marriage licenses	3 50
J H Marsh	Garrett's bill	2 50
J E Garrett	court calendars	$ 2 50
Z W Whitehead	advertising	2 50
J E Garrett	blanks	14 50
J E Garrett	script book	6 25
Z W Whitehead	advertising	7 00
John T McKay	posters	1 00
INQUESTS.		
Dr J W McNeill	coroner's fee	$5 00
R McMillan	juror	1 50
W S Cook	"	1 50
J L Allen	"	1 50
Josh Council	"	1 50
Archie White	"	1 50
Dr J H Marsh	postmortem	10 00
Dr J W McNeill	coroner's fee	8 30
E L Pemberton	juror	1 50
A J Cook	"	1 50
J C Huske, Jr	"	1 50
R McMillan	"	1 50
John Steel	"	1 50
J P Cook	"	1 50
ELECTIONS.		
D B Culbreth	building house	$8 00
D B Gillis	registrar	22 60
L W Gibson	election house	2 00
John Black	judge	3 00
Wm Monroe	"	3 00
Malcom Chason	"	1 50
W L Hales	"	1 50
N R McNeill	clerk	1 00
S R Parker	"	1 00
Natt McArthur	"	1 00
C H Graham	"	1 00
D Shaw, Jr	poll-holder	1 50
D B Currie	"	1 50
John McDuffie	"	1 50
J A Graham	"	1 50
J C McGugan	registrar	14 90
M N Monroe	judge	6 00
Geo Robinson	"	1 50
Martin Williams	"	1 50
Murdoch Cole	"	1 50
W P McCaskill	poll holder	1 50
T A Clark	"	1 50
N D M Clark	"	1 50
H C Goodman	"	1 50
D McN Ray	"	1 50
W T Sloan	"	1 50
D G McFadyen	clerk	1 00
I D Bullard	"	1 00
D K McDuffie	registrar	12 80
J T Sinclair	judge	4 00
R A Gillis	"	6 50
J J Corbin	"	3 00
Chas Parcell	judge	3 00
J A Gillis	clerk	1 00
J R McDonald	poll-holder	1 50
D N Leslie	do	1 50
J Monroe	do	1 50
Isaac Brown	do	1 50
J H Smith	registrar	10 27
Alex Smith	judge	3 00
A A Johnson	do	3 00
Martine Goins	do	3 00
Laster Kelly	do	3 00
W D Adams	registrar	6 96
W L Williams	judge	6 50
S R Surles	do	3 00
Joe Colver	do	1 50
Henry Wood	do	1 50
J T Ferrall	clerk	1 00
Tony Dranghon	do	1 00
M W King	registrar	9 44
George D Elliott	judge	3 00
W B Ray	do	3 00
Dan King	do	3 00
Jerry Penny	do	3 00
C D Gilmore	clerk	1 00
Geo S King	do	1 00
J T G Autry	registrar	7 75
J A McFarland	judge	1 50
W A Tillinghast	do	1 50
Leonard Smith	do	1 50
William Wright	do	1 50
D B Wooddell	poll-holder	1 50
D N McLean	registrar	138 00
W F Campbell	judge	3 00
G A Burns	do	3 00
G H Henderson	do	3 00
John Ochiltree	do	3 00
J W Atkinson	poll-holder	1 50
J McK Woodward	do	1 50
D A McMillan	do	1 50
John C Vann	do	1 50
W D Jones	do	1 50
S W Tillinghast	do	1 50
John Roddick	do	1 50
J L Allen	do	1 50
W G Hall	do	1 50
John P Thomson	clerk	1 00
John McLean	do	1 00
Chas Glover	do	1 00
J A McLauchlin	do	1 00
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George O'Hanlon	do	1 00
W S Cook	do	1 00
A A McKethan	do	1 00
Norman Smith	do	1 00
W D Gaster	do	1 00
W J Ayer	registrar	9 84
J H Benoy	judge	3 00
W J Johnson	do	1 50
L W Levy	do	3 00
E Partridge	do	3 00
G B Russell	poll holder	1 50
Aaron Scurlock	do	1 50
D A Bryan	do	1 50
Natt Minter	do	1 50
J W Carroll	do	1 50
M J Carter	clerk	1 00
P M Scott	do	1 00
Pless Street	do	1 00
Richard McNeill	do	1 00
Earnest Carroll	do	1 00
John Smith	registrar	16 98
O A Robbins	judge	3 00
A J Brown	do	3 00
John Wilson	do	1 50
E McNair	do	3 00
G C Ray	poll-holder	1 50
M Morgan	do	1 50
J T McDonald	do	1 50
L McDonald	do	1 50
J A Fry	do	1 50
O L Johnson	clerk	1 00
C L Johnson	do	1 00
Jeff Stone	do	1 00
D C McArthur	do	1 00
W K Reagan	do	1 00
H M Pate	registrar	11 10
Alex Pate	judge	5 75
John R Smith	do	3 00
Josh Evans	do	3 00
W L Nunnalee	do	3 00
Chas Nunnalee	poll-holder	1 50
C D Williamson	clerk	1 00
Jos B Smith	do	1 00
F A Marsh	do	1 00
Henry Nunnalee	do	1 00
K J Rhodes	registrar	14 16
John Dougherty	judge	3 00
J C Bain	do	1 50
Jas Stewart	do	3 00
J L Phillips	do	1 50
C C McLellan	poll-holder	1 50
Albert Gainey	do	1 50
John Graham	do	1 50
G W Starling	do	1 50
H McIntyre	clerk	1 00
P Holly	do	1 00
George H King	registrar	2 47
D B Culbreth	judge	3 00
J F Skipper	do	1 50
Frank Patrick	do	3 00
Alex Murphy	do	1 50
G W Holmes	clerk	1 00
T R Bullard	do	1 00
Jonathan Evans, Jr	registrar	13 66
C C Bullard	judge	3 00
H C Carter	do	3 00
Chas Evans	do	3 00
Duncan Smith	do	3 00

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THE DEATH PENALTY

Mr. T. W. Patton, of Asheville, has a communication in last Friday's issue of the *State Chronicle*, which is worthy of serious consideration both from the well-known ability and character of the correspondent and the importance of the subject discussed. Mr. Patton is a strenuous and vehement opponent of capital punishment, and takes his text from the recent execution in Bladen county, the trial and acquittal of McDougald, the conviction and sentence of the negro burglar at Charlotte, etc. We extract the following from his article:

An indignation meeting is being held on account of McDougald's acquittal. Indeed I sympathize with, and would participate in, such a meeting were it directed in the proper channel. We should not be indignant with a jury of twelve honest men who refuse to take "a tooth for a tooth" as consistent christians they could not do otherwise; but we should be indignant with ourselves that we permit that still to be our law which causes the escape of more men probably guilty than any other one thing.

From the evidence it seems that McDougald was *probably guilty*, but because he, urged by avarice, "under the instigation of the devil," defiled "a temple of the Holy Ghost," surely it is no reason that you and I, as citizens of this State, under no such instigation, as you think, should do an exactly similar act.

Let us be consistent. There is but one possible excuse for homicide, to-wit: self-defense. If I am on trial, and set up this plea, I must show that I am "pushed to the wall"—that I exhausted all reasonable means to avoid it, before I took the life of my adversary. Why should not the same rule be applied to North Carolina? Can anyone pretend that it is necessary to her self-defense that she take the life of one of her citizens? Such doubtless was the case in the time of Moses, when it was said: "A tooth for a tooth." Perhaps such may still be necessary in some uncivilized section of our nation, but can it be so with us, who have ample power to confine criminals, and thus protect society?

But "How long, O, Lord, how long" shall we insist upon keeping that among our laws, the effect of which is to disgust us with the occasional head-line that a negro has "stretched hemp," perhaps the next time because he stole a pocket-handkerchief, and yet never fails to insist upon such an unreasonable stretch of the reasonable doubt as to permit scores of red-handed homicides to be turned loose on the community because they are able to employ shrewd lawyers who see the tendency of the times, the true teachings of Christ, and the spirit of a Christian age, and hence urge with all eloquence the reasonable doubt to a point absolutely beyond all reason?

We cannot help thinking that the *Chronicle's* correspondent draws his conclusions from untenable premises. We have never heard any one of the jury in the McDougald case express his opinion as to the punishment of death for a capital felony; but we will venture a good deal that there was not a man in that box whose mind did not accept the conviction that the deliberate, insidious assassin of Simeon Conoley was meet for the scaffold, and no penalty short of it. They were not swayed by the christian tenderness for a malefactor with which the writer credits them—they were more "of the earth earthy," and rendered their verdict simply because they did not believe that the crime had been carried home to the prisoner at the bar beyond a possibility of doubt.

The infliction of death for crime is a penalty instituted by society for its protection founded on a very thorough knowledge of human nature, and it is a "relic of barbarism" to which communities will cling for their preservation until the earth is grayer with age than now. We lost seriously by the abolishment of another "relic" in the whipping-post. Imprisonment is a substitute for neither the gibbet nor the lash. Now and then there is a man whom a sudden fall from respectability and standing plunges into the abyss of the felon's dock, and to him the taint of the dungeon and the convict's stripes are worse than death; but for the villain who is a born marauder, and to the brute whose depraved passions prey on honor and virtue, the penitentiary has no terrors: there, fairly fed and not inhumanly treated, he rather finds space and opportunity to mature fresh schemes of wickedness when he shall again be free to make war upon his neighbor with the high and red hand. It is only such dread of the law's vengeance as sets his brawny carcass a-tremble with terror of physical pain, or sets his hairy throat twitching at the fancied touch of hemp, that paralyzes the desperado's murderous arm, or stays his stealthy footstep where darkness and sleep have fallen upon the homestead.

The opponents of capital punishment argue its ineffectiveness as a deterrent of crime from the prevalence of homicide. They might as well deny the truth of the religion of God because all men are not christians. Just so surely as the Bible is not only the great agent of civilization and enlightenment but the all-sufficient embodiment of salvation to sinners—no less true is it that were men confronted by only incarceration for the shedding of blood murder would increase twofold.

There is a great deal of mawkish sentimentality expended on criminals (though we by no means point this remark at the gifted correspondent of the *Chronicle*); and Dickens finely satirizes this *distempered* mercy in "David Copperfield," where we are introduced to a reformatory harboring that brace of scamps, "Uriah Heep" and "Latimer," kept in hand by the old pedagogue, "Creakle"—two villains who pose as martyrs to the severity of the law's demands, but who couldn't begin to get their deserts by simple hanging.

The reflections to which Mr. Patton betakes himself at the close of his article cannot fail to be read with interest; but, for the evil of which he complains it would be very difficult to point out a remedy. Money is a great power throughout the world—although the copy-books of our childhood enjoined us that it was the "root of all evil"—and it will not fail to make itself felt in the court-room as well as out of it. It has long been a vexed question how far an advocate is justified in pushing his efforts in defense of a criminal. It is very certain that the duty which a lawyer and counselor owes to his client is a sacred one, and when he takes the case of one arraigned he fills his hands with a trust whose responsibility he cannot lay down at will. It is by no means an unheard-of thing for a high-minded practitioner at the bar of justice, indignant and outraged at the developed blackness of a case committed to his care, to throw up his brief and wash his hands of a repulsive job. We have no right to deem the zeal of counsel exaggerated, however hard he may struggle to establish the innocence of a client put on his defense—how far he is justified in bending every energy to keep guilt from coming to light is another thing.

ISSUES OF THE DAY.

"Sulking in his tent"—that seems to be the occupation of Mr. Mills, of Texas, at the present time—and for what? Because, in a fair fight for the Speakership, he was defeated by Mr. Crisp, of Georgia. Well, Mills is an able man, very valuable to his party, and ought to be up and at work when there is so much to do; but there never yet was that man whom the world could not get along without if he insisted upon being let alone.

Of course it is exceedingly unfortunate that the lottery agitation should imperil Democratic success in the State of Louisiana; but a public man could not go down in a better cause, crowned with more honor, and more "brilliant, though in the dust," than while fighting this gigantic wrong—the colossal shame of the day. Congressman Blanchard uses strong language, but the crisis almost justifies him, when he declares that he "would prefer four years of negro rule to twenty years of lottery domination, with the prospect of its perpetual control."

The President's message on the assembling of the 52nd Congress was so utterly commonplace that it was received throughout the country with "eloquent flashes of silence"—not even his henchmen of the press being able to conjure up a shout of enthusiasm. Mr. Harrison made some startling assertions, though, and the following will do to stand as a monument of reckless statement:

There are conclusive evidences that the new tariff has created several great industries, which will, within a few years, give employment to several hundred thousand American working-men and women.

"The king can do no wrong," and the President of the United States must'n't be catechised; but, in lieu of this bald, unsupported assertion, the anxious working-men and -women would like the "great industries" given a little more in detail.

The sudden death of United States Senator Plumb, of Kansas, at his residence in Washington on the 20th inst., looks very much like another case of "burning the candle at both ends." A man of powerful physique, leading a fairly temperate life, of only middle age, he went off as the flame of a candle in the wind. He was trying to crowd a century of work, and plans, and employments, and ambition, into little more than fifty years. He was possessed of a fortune of $300,000 or $400,000, so that pecuniary necessity was not his driver; he held nearly the most august political position in the gift of the people, so that unsatisfied longings did not urge him forward—and we must conclude that he overtasked himself in unselfish labors for his State and his country. But how mistaken is such a course! It was given him to run at high pressure for a few years, and then deprive that State and country of services which, with better care, might have been preserved to them for a quarter of a century longer.

Sudden Death of Senator Plumb.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—Preston B. Plumb, a Representative of the State of Kansas in the United States Senate since 1876, and a former leader in the counsels of the Republican party, died shortly before noon yesterday of a sudden attack of apoplexy in his modest apartment, 612 Fourteenth street.

Death resulted from exhaustion of the brain. It was a clear case of overwork and inattention to the laws of nature. The Senator has been known for years as the most pushing, energetic, hard-working member of the Senate. A year ago he began to fail. His brain became affected, and throbbing headaches became more frequent. His physicians warned him that continuance of his labor meant death, but he refused to heed their warning. He continued to work with the energy of a steam-engine, and yesterday, when still apparently in full vigor and with many years of life before him, he died.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Arrangements for the funeral service to take place in Washington were completed last night. At 10 o'clock this morning the body of the late Senator was removed from the apartment he lately occupied to the marble room in the Senate wing of the Capitol, escorted by the Capitol police, in charge of the Sergeant-at-Arms. At a quarter past one o'clock the body was removed from the marble room to the Senate chamber, where the funeral services were held, conducted by Rev. J. G. Butler, Chaplain of the Senate.

The casket, preceded by the Congressional Committee, was then conveyed to the cars. The Congressional Committee had a special car for their use during the trip. The two cars were attached to the Columbian express train, which left the city at 3:25 o'clock. The body is expected to arrive at Emporia, Kansas, Wednesday afternoon. The home funeral services are to take place Thursday.

General Scales's Condition.

Greensboro Patriot.]

The writer was informed on last Saturday that the General is scarcely ever conscious now, and during his lucid moments he suffers intensely. The General had frequently expressed a hope before his illness that he might not live to such an age that he would be a burden to his family, and it seems a rather strange fate that he should have to suffer so long. Consideration for his friends has always been characteristic of the General, and it still shows forth even in his dying hours.

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R L Horn,	clerk	$ 1 00
D C Downing,	registrar	12 88
J W Geddie,	judge	3 00
D Cyrus Everitt,	"	3 00
Nelson McNeill,	"	1 50
Sam Melvin,	"	1 50
E P Williams,	clerk	1 00
R S Horn,	"	1 00
J W Cogdell,	registrar	7 67
Reddin McDonald,	judge	3 00
Wm Byrne,	"	1 50
C H Cogdell, Jr.,	"	3 00
E P Jessup,	"	3 00
P P Hall,	registrar	11 22
Irvin Melvin,	judge	3 00
T I Bullard,	"	3 00
A D Brewington,	"	3 00
Robt Simpson,	"	3 00
J H Hall,	clerk	1 00
L V Hare,	"	1 00
Alex Simmons,	"	1 00
D M Beard,	"	1 00
G T Simpson,	"	1 00
W J McCraney,	registrar	10 50
A A Ray,	judge	1 50
Duncan Shaw, Jr.,	"	1 50
Duncan McNeill,	"	1 50
Evander Ray,	"	1 50
J A McPherson,	registrar	15 81
Jesse Newton,	judge	3 00
D N McN Ray	"	3 00
Burton McArthur,	"	1 50
Amos Shaw,	"	1 50

INSOLVENT ACCOUNT.

Chas G Cain,	fees	$03 72
J B Smith,	do	20 10
H C Fisher,	do	4 85
S H Manning,	do	15
J D Lockamy,	do	1 70
E M Waddill,	do	5 45
R J Baker,	do	1 55
D N Leslie,	do	1 10
Alex Long,	do	1 30
W H Flowers,	do	80
Frank McNeill,	do	20 00
Dr J W McNeill,	expert	10 00
A J Brannon,	fees	20
D K McDuffie,	do	65
L C Straughn,	do	3 87
D B Gillis,	do	1 20
G A McDonald,	do	80
C P Overby,	do	1 85
R W Hardie,	do	1 05
C D Nixon,	do	80
A D McLauchlin,	do	3 65
W J Tyson,	ticket	1 55
W H Flowers,	do	1 55
T E Phillips,	do	1 55
E M Waddill,	do	1 55
Robt Payne,	do	1 55
Adam Elliott,	do	1 05
J R Tew,	do	1 90
J R Tew,	do	1 90
Gray Culbreth,	do	3 80
Alex Pate,	do	4 70
O K Bradshaw,	do	3 50
A J Chestnut,	do	1 05
E M Waddill,	do	1 05
W H Jones,	do	3 10
Dr McDougald,	do	2 80
Jas Bailey,	do	1 75
Jordan Scott,	do	1 75
John Kivett,	do	1 90
A D Currie,	do	1 65
W H C Levy,	do	1 75
Wm Gillis,	do	2 05
J W Tindale,	do	1 95
J G Tindale,	do	1 95
J D Lockamy,	do	2 05
D D McGill,	do	1 95
Robt Cat.in,	do	1 80
Wm Calvin,	do	1 80
Robt McGugan,	do	1 55
James Green,	do	1 70
L W Green,	do	1 55
Will Leonard,	do	1 55
Delia Smith,	do	1 65
Will Driver,	do	1 55
Jeff Stone,	do	1 40
G C Biggs,	do	1 40
J R Jones,	do	2 80
Cloe Williams,	do	1 70
Peter Clegg,	do	2 30
W B Draughon,	do	1 25
John Williams,	do	1 25
Handy Williams,	do	1 25
A J Hollingsworth,	do	1 40
William Gaston,	do	3 20
Wm McGregor,	do	2 15
Sam Jones	do	2 25
Thos Cameron,	do	2 15
M L Vinson,	do	3 05
G F Bullard,	do	1 65
Sam'l Vinson,	do	3 05
John Hamilton,	do	2 80
C W Arnett,	do	4 70
Geo Calhoun,	do	4 25
J H Johnson,	do	1 90
Travis Dickens,	do	1 63
Joseph Ray,	do	1 62
Ben Arnett,	do	2 55
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Frank McNeill,	do	43 00
H C Fisher,	do	1 45
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W H Flowers,	do	14 10
B F Maultsby,	do	1 25
Thos Smith,	do	95
Wm Wade,	do	1 25
E M Waddill,	do	5 60
R O Pitman,	do	30
S P Williams,	do	15
D S Jackson,	do	1 45
D S Smith,	do	80
A Hill,	do	60
R S Talbot,	do	1 10
C P Overby	do	9 50
R W Hardie,	do	1 70
L C Straughn,	do	1 65
W D Gaster,	do	3 55
O A Robbins,	do	65
A H Watson,	do	1 25
A D McNeill,	do	80
John Smith,	do	50
J A McFarland,	do	55
C H Cogdell,	do	70
Frank Jones,	ticket	90
Andrew Johnson,	do	4 70
J T Arnett,	do	90
J T Musselwhite,	do	90
Philandrew Melvin,	do	4 55
Cost Wright,	do	4 55
Angus Patterson,	do	55
R H Buckingham,	do	3 65
O Houston,	do	1 10
Jacob Taylor,	do	2 10
Lizzie Taylor,	do	2 10
S R Tolar,	do	2 20
A E C Pitman,	do	10 30
Robt A Godwin,	do	1 65
Joseph West,	do	1 65
David McNeill,	do	2 70
Allen Byrd,	do	2 70
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Robt Smith,	do	1 75
Alice McNeill,	do	1 55
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D W Jackson,	do	2 15
Nathan McAllister,	do	2 10
Jas R Deal,	do	2 60
W J Carter,	do	2 30
John Carter,	do	2 30
Wiley Godwin,	do	2 35
W R Maxwell,	do	1 60
Thos Lovitt,	do	1 60
Crasey Williams,	do	1 55
Isham McIver,	do	2 00
J F Powers,	do	1 55
Jeff Stone,	do	3 80
H C Gadsby,	do	1 40
Malcolm McPhail,	do	1 40
Earl Arnett,	do	1 40
John Watts,	do	1 40
Jacob Solomon,	ticket	$2 10
C M Watson,	do	2 10
Julius Sellars,	do	2 10
Grace Gulbreth,	do	1 05
Wiley Lord,	do	1 55
David Watkins,	do	1 55
W J Ayer,	do	1 55
H Faircloth,	do	2 55
M Maxwell,	do	55
J G W Cobb,	do	1 55
Chas Anderson,	do	1 55
R J Beard,	do	1 45
J A Murphy,	do	1 55
David McAllister,	do	1 85
W B Coates,	do	1 60
James Pate,	do	1 60
Calvin Thames,	do	1 55
John Bain,	do	4 00
D B Jones,	do	1 35
K W Jackson,	do	6 40
N G Smith,	do	7 70
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D J Smith,	do	1 30
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W D Gaster,	do	2 60
E M Waddill,	do	4 80
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W L Lewis,	do	3 05
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R A Godwin	do	3 30
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Willis Tomlinson,	do	1 05
Martha Mozingo,	do	1 55
F H Hollingsworth,	do	1 55
Dick Lovett,	do	85
W B Jackson,	do	2 95
Alex Johnson,	do	4 70
Andrew Johnson,	do	4 70
John Gales,	do	3 60
John Biggs,	do	1 80
Dr McDougald,	do	90
O L Dunn,	do	1 80
A J Williams,	do	90
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L A Nixon,	do	1 55
F R Davis,	do	1 05
Warren Drake,	do	3 65
Eliza Underwood,	do	2 10
Chas McDonald,	do	55
Mary A Stewart,	do	2 10
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J B Smith,	do	66 87
C McArtan,	do	30
J M Spell,	do	2 55
Frank McNeill,	do	2 50
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R J Baker,	do	1 40
E M Waddill,	do	1 75
Daniel Carter,	do	4 85
D J Smith,	do	2 75
S F Jackson,	do	1 55
W H Flowers,	do	2 50
L A Nixon,	do	1 40
C P Overby,	do	3 55
W D Gaster,	do	3 30
R W Hardie,	do	65
Chas Glover,	do	70
G A McDonald,	do	78
John Smith,	do	50
J L Phillips	do	92
L C Straughn,	do	80
W S Cook,	do	85
Gabe Johnson,	ticket	3 50
Anne E Johnson,	do	3 50
Susan J Williams,	do	3 50
John Williams,	do	3 50
Sol Elliott,	do	1 05
Margaret Edge,	do	1 05
E M Waddill,	do	1 55
Salhe Hood,	do	2 90
J W Bond,	do	2 55
Warren Carver,	do	3 10
E W Herring,	do	3 35
C B Blake,	do	3 35
J T Price,	do	2 30
W J Buie,	do	3 10
J W Blanchard,	do	2 30
J L Bain,	do	7 05
K W Jackson,	do	9 95
John Bain,	do	8 25
H L McMillan,	do	3 60
A G Bain,	do	13 00
D D Bain,	do	10 20
S Starling,	do	10 59
Willis Tomlinson,	do	2 05
W J Edens,	do	2 40
W T Fort,	do	2 40
Gabe Johnson,	do	1 50
J Luther,	do	1 93
G A Wheeler,	do	2 70
J W Edge,	do	2 55
John Faircloth,	do	2 55
E P Jessup,	do	2 85
C H Cogdell,	do	2 95
W T Clifton,	do	2 60
E M Waddill,	do	55

RECAPITULATION.

Poor	$1,973 81
Poor-House	647 59
Jail	1,002 19
Court-House	104 27
Courts	471 16
Bridges	729 97
Public Roads	58 83
Commissioners	761 75
Taxes	1,440 90
Insane	99 15
Printing	110 25
Inquest	41 80
Elections	602 26
Insolvents	1,278 21
Total	$9,412 14

I, H. L. Hall, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Cumberland County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and true exhibit of all claims audited and ordered paid by the Board for the year ending December 1st, 1891. H. L. HALL, Clerk
Board Commissioners.

A Prominent Divine Passes Away.

WELDON, N. C., December 17th.—Rev. R. O. Burton, D. D., died at his home here to-day at 11 o'clock. He was one of the oldest and most prominent ministers in the North Carolina Methodist Conference, having joined the Virginia Conference when North Carolina was in that conference. The year of his admission was 1833, and he had been in the ministry fifty-eight years, serving districts, stations and circuits, and some of the most important appointments in both North Carolina and Virginia. [Many years ago he was presiding elder of Raleigh district.] Of undoubted ability, level-headed, his mind retained its force and originality until the last. His sermons were distinguished for forceful reasoning, perspicuity and elegance of expression. His life was nobly spent in the service of the Master, and after years of earnest labor his end was peace.

Flycaster's Castoria.

Crisp and Mills.

WASHINGTON, December 19.—The following is the text of the correspondence between Speaker Crisp and Representative Mills, in regard to the latter's committee service:

Hon. R. Q. Mills, City:

MY DEAR SIR:—Having been too much engaged to call upon you, and being now about ready to start upon the work of constituting House Committees, I drop you a line to know if it would agreeable to you to be appointed second on the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to such assignment to be appointed chairman of the Committee on Commerce or chairman of the Committee on Postoffices and Post-roads, or chairman of some committee whose work is less laborious than the Commerce or Postoffices. I would be glad to have a reply at your earliest convenience, as I desire to make up and announce the committees in a few days.

With great respect, I am,
Sincerely yours,
CHARLES F. CRISP.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19th, 1891.

Hon. Charles F. Crisp, Speaker House of Representatives:

MY DEAR SIR:—I have received your letter of the 18th inst., asking me "if it would be agreeable or acceptable to me to be appointed second on the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to such assignment to be appointed chairman of the Committee on Commerce or chairman of the Committee on Postoffices and Post-roads, or chairman of some committee whose work is less laborious than the Commerce or Postoffice." Having been a member of the Committee on Ways and Means for ten years, and chairman in the 50th Congress—reasons which have, in your judgment, rendered my appointment as chairman unwise—would disqualify me for service in any other place on that committee, and it would not be sincere to say that it would be agreeable to accept your tender. I leave to you, without any suggestion from me, to make such other assignment as you, in the discharge of your official duty, may determine.

Yours truly,
R. Q. MILLS.

Convicted of Wrecking a Train.

Concord Standard.]

Col. Frank Page, brother of Rev. Jesse H. Page, formerly pastor of the Central M. E. Church, owns a railroad in Montgomery and Moore counties—the West End & Aberdeen R. R., twenty five miles long.

On the 16th day of October, 1890, a passenger train, with many passengers from the State Fair at Raleigh, was nearing Candor, a small town in Montgomery county. It had been raining, and, the wind having blown severely, the engineer was running only eight miles to the hour. The glass of the cab was dimmed by raindrops to such an extent that the engineer could see scarcely twenty yards ahead of him. Without a particle of warning, the engineer saw a log across the track. He reversed the engine, and blew brakes. The pilot of the engine knocked the log from the track. Twenty feet from this was a cross-tie, but not yet had the engineer succeeded in stopping the train. Fifty feet from this was a log cut wedge-shape, with the point turned towards the coming train. The engineer, believing that his end had come, still held on to his post. When the engine struck this last wedge it was pushed ten or fifteen feet across the ties, but finally got under the pilot, which stopped the train, without derailing the cars.

The escape from a fearful wreck is almost miraculous. Suspicion pointed to two young men—Jas. Stutts and Giles Williamson, aged 25 and 21 respectively, one of them married. They were placed in jail, and the case was postponed from one court to another by the defense. The case came on for trial at Troy last week. The defense was represented by M. S. Robins, Brown & Blair and Col. Jordan. Solicitor Long was assisted by Shaw & Scales. The young men were found guilty. Out of consideration of the fact that they had been in jail for fourteen months, and were young men, Judge Armfield sentenced them to the penitentiary for four years each.

Sunday School Meeting.

For the Observer.]

A Sunday-school mass meeting was held at Kenansville, Duplin county, N. C., November 28th, 1891. It was called to order by S. J. Veach, County Lecturer, after which there was singing. The object of the meeting was fully explained by Mr. Veach, whereupon Mr. Charles Forshaa was asked to take the chair.

The following-named persons were unanimously elected on the executive committee, to fill the vacancies caused by death and removal: J. A. McArthur, Jr., Kenansville, and Sam Westbrook, of Faison's.

The following were unanimously elected Vice-Presidents for the respective townships: Albertson's, W. H. Grady; Cypress Creek, Thomas Horn; Faison's, Ross Moore; Glisson's, S. M. Waller; Island Creek, J. C. McMillan; Kenansville, Thaddeus Jones, Jr.; Limestone, S. O. Middleton; Magnolia, W. R. Newbery; Rockfish, Maury Ward; Smith's, LaFayette Smith; Walserape, S. C. Jones; Warsaw, Allie Powell. The executive committee are requested to meet and appoint the time and place for the next county convention.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned. CHAS. FORSHAA.
P. H. KORNEGAY, Chairman.
Secretary.

The Suspended Clinton Bank.

Clinton Caucasian.]

The Clinton Loan Association, when closed by order of the State Treasurer, was given until December 22nd to try to put the affairs of the bank in shape to continue business. The bank was given to understand that about $40,000 would have to be raised or a receiver would be appointed to take charge of the bank and wind up its business. The stockholders have held several meetings, discussing the situation, and subscribed about $17,000 of the new stock among themselves. They then called several citizens' meetings in the court-house, and appealed to the business men of Clinton to subscribe the remainder of the stock. About $7,000 additional stock was subscribed, making about $24,000 in all subscribed up to date. Rev. Mr. Stewart, the President, says the outlook is gloomy, and that he has but little hope of raising the stock. He says that if he fails he will go to Raleigh next Tuesday to look after the appointment of a receiver for the bank.

Narrow Escape.

Wilmington Star.]

An accident that might have been attended with very serious results happened yesterday morning about nine o'clock, at the residence of Mr. A. F. Lucas, on Tenth and Market streets. Two children of the family—Chauncey, aged six, and Ida, aged two years—were together in a room, standing near the fireplace, when the little girl's dress caught fire from the open grate, and she was soon in a blaze. Both children screamed, and the mother and several other persons rushed into the room, and tore the burning clothing from the child. The only person reported as having sustained any injury was the little boy, whose right hand was slightly burned in trying to save his sister.

Our Railroads.

The Census Bureau has issued a bulletin giving statistics in regard to railroads in Virginia, West Virginia, North and South Carolina. A comparison is made between 1880 and 1889.

ITEMS.	1889.	1880.
Passengers carried	9,493,825	2,628,525
Pass'gers carried 1 mile	339,522,467	104,152,097
Tons of freight moved	23,582,194	6,773,168
Tons of freight moved 1 mile	2,545,190,953	580,828,746
Earnings from passengers	$8,934,559	$4,038,284
Earnings from freight	$21,293,843	$9,778,448
Total income	$31,215,103	$14,235,838
Total expenditures	$31,711,469	$12,807,597
Length of lines	8,423	4,954
No. of employes	30,857	12,031
Passenger cars	1,017	575
Freight cars	32,319	9,843
Locomotives	1,234	616
Stations on all lines	1,613	681
Receipts per mile per passenger, cents	02.207	03.024
Receipts per mile per ton of freight, cts	00.763	01.459

The increase in passengers and freight has been very great, but the charge both for passengers and freight has been reduced.

The figures in this table suggest that the freight business is relatively of more importance than the passenger business. Thus while the number of passenger cars in 1889 is 442 greater than in 1888, being an increase of 76.87 per cent., the cars in freight service show an increase of 22,476, or an increase of 228.35 per cent. It must not, however, be concluded that the passenger service has not increased in importance. Thus passenger engines have increased from 188 in 1880 to 317 in 1889, while the stations on the line have increased from 618 to 1,613. These figures certainly suggest a rapid development in the facilities for travel in the district under consideration.

It will be easy to see, says the Bulletin, that both passenger and freight traffic may be carried on at a cheaper rate in New England than in the Southern States. For example, New England employed in 1889 16 passenger engines per 100 miles of line. The number of passengers carried per passenger engine in New England is 102,758, while in the territory under consideration the number of passengers carried per passenger engine is 21,646.

The increase in business done is very marked. Thus in 1889 there were 16,809,027 more tons of freight moved than in 1880, being an increase of 248.17 per cent. The increase in the number of tons of freight moved 1 mile during the same period is 1,964,262,207, being an increase of 338.20 per cent. From this it appears that not only has the tonnage itself increased but long-haul traffic has become of relatively more importance. The passenger traffic, in comparison with freight traffic, is of less importance, yet shows a corresponding increase when the returns of 1889 are compared with 1880.

To provide for an increase of 338 per cent. in the number of tons of freight moved 1 mile, it was found necessary to increase freight-train mileage but 75.19 per cent., and to provide for an increase of 226 per cent. in the number of passengers carried 1 mile it was necessary to increase passenger-train mileage only 130 per cent.

Not the Truth.

State Chronicle.]

WINSTON, Dec. 14.—We have recently visited Hillsboro, N. C., to investigate the origin of the alleged confession of our brother, Mr. Felix Roan, in connection with the Stephens murder, as published in your issue of December 4th, and we enclose herewith a card from Sheriff J. K. Hughes, a most excellent gentleman, which was given of his free will and accord, and which explains itself. We also enclose a letter from Mr. Elijah Graves, Jr., a gentlemen who was present when our brother died, which likewise explains itself. We could, if necessary, furnish other letters similar to the one from Mr. Graves. We request that you will publish this letter as well as the letters from Messrs. Hughes and Graves, in order that the public may see that the rumor is purely sensational, and without the slightest foundation. We have no doubt you will cheerfully do this as an act of simple justice to correct an injustice done us by giving publicity to it.

Respectfully, R. L. ROAN,
HENRY ROAN.

LETTER FROM SHERIFF HUGHES.
HILLSBORO, N. C., Dec. 11, 1894.

To whom it may concern:

The alleged confession of Mr. Felix Roan, of Caswell county, as published in the *State Coronicle* of a recent date, and with which I am indirectly connected, inasmuch as Mr. Jos. A. Harris, who gave the information to the editor of the *Chronicle* got the rumor through me, does great injustice to Mr. Roan's memory and the fair name of his highly respected and prominent family. I heard the alleged confession told by my uncle, J. H. Hughes, at Cedar Grove postoffice, who at the time said he got his information from Mr. W. A. Wilkerson. Mr. Wilkerson is a gentleman about 65 years or more of age, a carpenter by trade, who heard the rumor somewhere in his travels. I am fully satisfied that the confession is purely sensational, without the shadow of foundation, and I sincerely regret that I have unintentionally done injustice to Mr. Roan's name by repeating so slanderous a rumor.

J. K. HUGHES.

LETTER FROM MR. GRAVES.
YANCEYVILLE, N. C., December 11th.

Mr. Henry Roan:

DEAR SIR:—Yours received. In reply I will say that I was with your brother Felix at the time he died, and for days before; in fact, I saw him almost every day for a long time before he died. He did not make any confession as to his helping to kill Stephens, nor did he say one word about him in any way whatever. He was not in Yanceyville the day he was killed.

Respectfully,
ELIJAH GRAVES, JR.

The Jeff Davis Monument.

RICHMOND, Va., December 21.—The board of directors of the Jefferson Davis Monument Association met in Mayor Elyson's office to-day. The Southern Press Association have collected considerable money, which they will apply to the Richmond movement. They report between $15,000 and $20,000 subscribed. The board elected as members of the association: Patrick Walsh, of Augusta; J. L. Weber, of Charleston, S. C., and Capt. Childress of Nashville, and elected as general agent to solicit subscriptions S. A. Cunningham, who will begin work in Texas.

Want to Reduce the Acreage.

MEMPHIS, TENN., Dec. 21.—Farmers and State Commissioners of Agriculture from five States are in session here considering the low price of cotton. A movement is on foot to organize throughout the South, and to reduce the acreage. Another meeting will be held in January, and delegates from every Southern State will be present. The present prices, it is claimed, are the lowest in the history of cotton, and unless the yield is reduced disaster will follow.

A Little Fatherly Advice.

"If ever you marry," said an old gentleman to his son, "let it be a woman who has judgment enough to superintend the getting of a meal, taste enough to dress herself, pride enough to wash her face, and sense enough to use Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription whenever she needs it." The experience of the aged has shown the "Favorite Prescription" to be the best for the cure of all female weaknesses and derangements. Good sense is shown by getting the remedy from your druggist, and using it whenever you feel weak and debilitated. It will invigorate and cannot possibly do harm.

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